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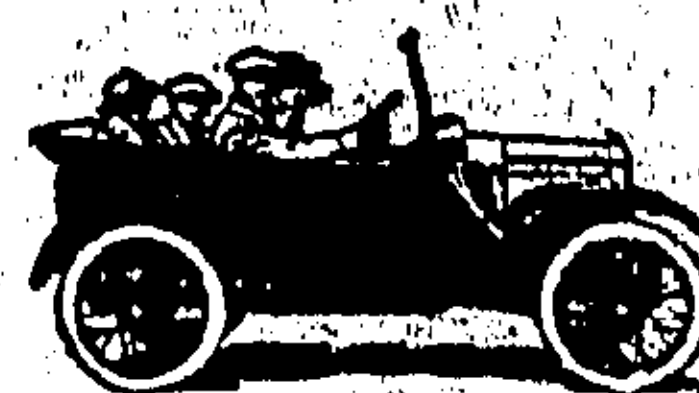
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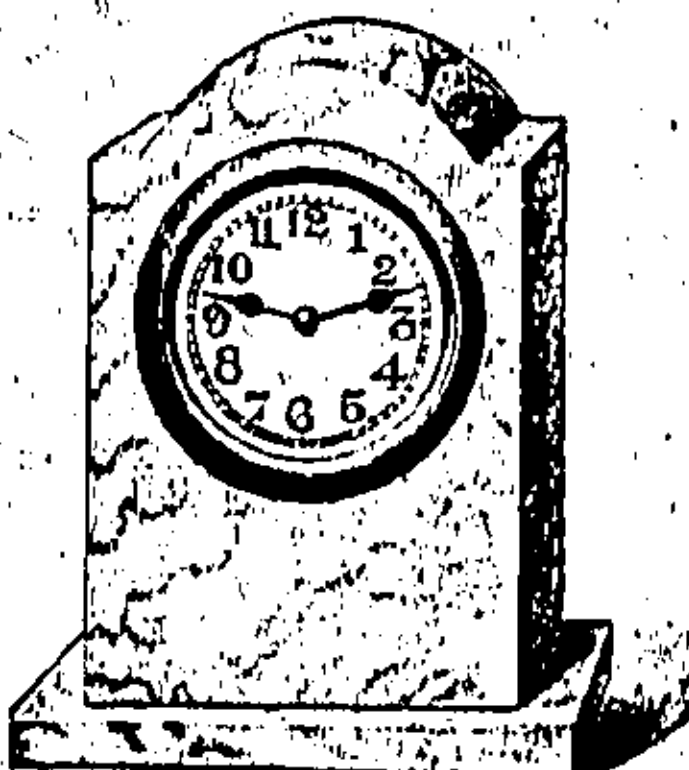
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BUFFALO MENACE.
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THE LAW'S PROVISIONS.
Our Police Chief On The Alert.

Captain J. S. de Wolf's experience with a buffalo on the Praya yesterday brings to mind once more the question of how cattle are driven along the water-front to the slaughter houses and what protection is accorded the public.

As far as is known the usual practice is for a number of caretakers, approximately a dozen or so, to take charge of a herd comprising as many as a hundred head, if not more. Some of the animals are led on halters, and each caretaker may hold several leads in his hands. Other animals have been seen driven down loose, the majority following meekly after a few leaders, who are controlled by the caretakers' shouts and guidance with sticks.

There is nothing definitely laid down to ensure each animal being under full control. However, accidents have been very few and far between, and the only way in which absolute safety can be ensured is for the cattle stevedores to go alongside wharves outside the slaughter houses, or for each head to be led by a halter, in charge of a caretaker.

When the Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) was referred to the action of the water buffalo yesterday, which charged and gored Captain de Wolf of the s.s. "Huichow," he handed the "China Mail" reporter a copy of Ordinance No. 1 of 1845, which is often spoken of as the one covering a multitude of sins.

Its designation may not suggest anything to do with wild cattle as the title reads "An Ordinance to make Provision for the Preservation of Good Order and Cleanliness and the Prevention of Nuisances." Section 3 provides a fine of \$50 for any person who "in any thoroughfare or public place or place adjacent thereto" does certain acts. "Sub-section 9 says 'to the annoyance of the inhabitants or passengers... turns loose, cleans, dresses, exercises, trains or breaks any horse or other animal.'"

Mr. Wolfe also courteously explained that if culpable negligence were proved, proceedings might be taken under the "Offences against the Person" law.

The C.S.P. further stated that he had not obtained full details of yesterday's occurrence but in his opinion, the number of accidents up to the present had been, comparatively speaking, very small and did not call for any special regulations. Should conditions

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WHITEAWAY LAIDLAW
ROBBERY.

No arrests have so far been made in connection with the robbery committed by Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co's store during the week-end.

The police are, however, exploring every channel which might lead to a clue.

A correct estimate of the loss puts the figure at \$7,213.

BOXING.

JERRY MONOHAN TO
FIGHT HERE.

Jerry Monohan, who, recently knocked out Flores in 45 seconds in Manila and thus gained the lightweight championship of the Orient, is passing through Hongkong in March. He has signified his willingness to meet Jim Carthage here for his title provided the Hongkong Boxing Association will stage the bout.

FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

OTTAWA, January 5.—The Minister of Justice goes to Washington on January 7 to sign the Canadian-American treaty providing for the extradition of persons trafficking in narcotics.

GERMANY FAILS.
MANY VIOLATIONS OF
TREATY.
ALLIED NOTE.
A DETAILED INDICTMENT.
(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 5.

An identical Note from the Allies on the subject of the evacuation of Cologne was presented to-day.

The Note points out that the Allies have acquired proof that Germany up to the present has not fulfilled, and will be unable to fulfil by January 10, the conditions of the Treaty of Versailles enabling her to benefit by the provisions for the partial evacuation of the territories west of the Rhine and the Bridge-heads. Information collected by the

LAUNCHING AN AEROPLANE FROM A BATTLESHIP AT NIGHT.



Perfect co-ordination between the air and sea forces and an important development of aircraft as a branch of national defence were achieved in a hazardous experiment. For the first time an aeroplane, shown here in its catapult, was launched at night from the deck of a warship.

F. M. S. LAWYER.
KILLED IN MOTOR CAR
ACCIDENT.

MR. H. L. COWDY'S DEATH.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

IPOH, (F.M.S.), January 5.
Mr. H. L. Cowdy, lawyer, who was a member of the Federal Council, was killed in a motor-car accident on Sunday.

(Motor-car accidents have been prevalent in Ipoh, the commercial centre of the state of Perak, within recent months, particularly at the Selek road railway crossing. Mr. Cowdy, practised as a solicitor in Ipoh for many years, and was the senior partner in the firm of Cowdy and Jones. He succeeded Mr. A. N. Kenion as an unofficial member of the Federal Council, and on going Home early last year was succeeded by his partner, Mr. H. T. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Cowdy was at the annual dinner of the Malaya Association in London on May 30, but Mrs. Cowdy remained at Home when Mr. Cowdy returned to the F.M.S. on October 30. Shortly after his return he was reappointed to the Federal Council. Popular with all classes of the community, his untimely and tragic death will be deplored by all with whom he came in contact.)

COURT'S DECREE.

GERMAN PROPERTY
RETURNED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The Supreme Court has ordered that property of the Bohm Meyer Company in the Philippines be returned to the owners. The property was seized during the war on the ground that the majority of the shareholders were German, but the court has not sustained the seizure because the firm was incorporated under the laws of the Straits Settlements.

inter-Allied Commission of Control shows that the Grand General Staff of the Army has been reconstituted. Another form of the violation of Article 160 of the Treaty is that short-term volunteers have been recruited and trained. A violation of Article 174 is that the conversion of war material factories has been far from realised. A violation of Article 168 is that surplus stocks of war material of all sorts exist. A violation of Articles 154 and 169 is that the reorganisation of the State police has not been begun. This is also contrary to Article 162 and decision of the Boulogne conference of June 6, 1920.

Furthermore, the German Government in violation of Article 211 has in nowise taken all the legislative and administrative measures demanded by the Allied Note of September 20, 1922. The Allied Governments expect shortly to receive the report of the inter-Allied Control Commission giving complete results of the general inspection now proceeding. This report will permit them to determine what can be expected from Germany, so that her obligation as regards war material may be regarded as loyally observed in accordance with Article 429.

A communication will be sent later to the German Government on this subject.

CUSTOMS RIGHTS.

Berlin, January 5.

Hurried negotiations are proceeding in Germany among the various Powers regarding the Customs arrangements from January 10 on which date Germany's obligation to give the Allies the most favoured nation treatment expires. No agreement has yet been reached with France, Italy and Belgium, but Britain's position is secured by the recent commercial treaty.

Delhi, January 5.—The President, Abdul Karim, leader of the Khos rebellion in Afghanistan, has been arrested and killed at Lahore.

"CELEBES" SAILS.
FOLLOWING COLLISION AT
PORT SAID.

TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Port Said, January 5.

The steamer "Celebes" has been temporarily repaired and sailed for Batavia.

The British steamer "Naranga," bound from London to Bombay, and the Dutch steamer "Celebes," journeying from Amsterdam to Batavia, collided at Port Said on January 5. The "Naranga" had her stern seriously damaged. Her bow plates were also damaged six feet below the waterline. The "Celebes" was anchored at the time of the collision, preparing to get under way. She was struck on the starboard side plating was damaged above the water-line. Her poop deck was partly carried away, and the cabins on the starboard side of the poop were smashed. Davits were carried away; and some of the life-boats were damaged.]

WAR DEBTS.

POSSIBLE MORATORIUM
FOR FRANCE.

A PRIVATE DOCUMENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 5.

Mr. S. E. Hughes, Secretary of State, has transmitted to Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, for his "personal and private information" a French war debt memorandum which, it is understood, refers to a plan of settlement, envisaging a moratorium with payments extending over eighty years after the expiry of the moratorium with interest on payments during the period of the moratorium at the rate of one and a half per cent.

SEEING-BELIEVING!
CINEMAS AND HEALTH.
TEACHING THE MASSES.
Tackling The Problem In Hongkong.

The influence exercised by the cinema on the minds of the Chinese is evidenced by the crowds which daily flock to the Hongkong cinemas. As the following interview shows, it should not be a very difficult matter to make use of the films for the attractive illustration of vital health laws.

At the beginning of last year, by an arrangement with the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Hongkong Sanitary Department and through the courtesy of Mr. H. W. Ray, Managing Director, Hongkong Amusements Ltd., in putting the cinemas at the disposal of the Hongkong authorities, there were shown in the City, at West Point, Wanchai, Shauiwan and Yau-mat, films which were both educative and interesting.

A suggestion has been put forward for the organisation of an even more comprehensive scheme embracing attractive propaganda with local touches, and a "China Mail" representative has been making enquiries as to the view taken in official quarters and the lines on which such a scheme would be developed.

The Department of Public Health in Siam has commenced a campaign by which it hopes first to gain the confidence of the people by cinema shows and lectures (given, wherever necessary, from a specially equipped boat, which can travel up remote rivers and streams).

No information is available of the actual topics taken for illustration by the Siam authorities, but they would no doubt be of a similar nature to those which were shown in Hongkong at the beginning of 1924, particulars of which have been given to the "China Mail" by Mr. H. W. Ray, who said that there were three films of about twenty minutes' duration, each of which were shown on different occasions by the cinemas of the Hongkong Amusements Ltd.

Of particular interest to Hongkong, thought Mr. Ray, were the pictures dealing with the various kinds of mosquitoes and their larvae, the most likely places in which breeding can take place, and the best preventive measures to be taken. Then there were directions and examples of how swamps can be filled in and trenches cut for draining land.

Fighting Smallpox.

With a twinkle in his eye, Mr. Ray described how, when the films illustrating the value of vaccination as a means of combating smallpox were shown, the means of vaccinating were always present at the theatre and hundreds dealt with as they left. The pictures showed how painless the operation was, Mr. Ray said, and care was taken to include some coolies grinning at the camera men as they were being inoculated. There was always a lecturer in attendance to explain the subject, as well as the Chinese letter-print.

"I do not think that the Government appreciates what an effective weapon it has in the cinema for combating undesirable propaganda which is continually being carried on here," said Mr. Ray. "We are quite ready to place our cinemas at its disposal for the purpose, and if it had empowered me I could have purchased films on almost any health subject for an absurdly small price whilst on my recent visit to New York owing to the bankruptcy of a firm whose idea it was to get a cinematograph 'Library' so that schools, Universities and other organisations might approach them in the assured knowledge that they could have moving illustrations of almost any subject."

"If necessary, we could make films here for the Sanitary Department," said Mr. Ray.

Another View.

Very favourably disposed to the general idea of the scheme was Mr. D. D. Tratman, Chairman of the Sanitary Department who was next approached, although in regard to details he did not quite see how it was going to be possible to get moving pictures to interest Chinese on such subjects as mosquitoes and the evils of spitting.

There are not the vast areas here, he pointed out, such as there are at Shanghai and Siam, of swampy, uncultivated ground, and this would not justify such an extensive campaign as that contemplated by Siam. To ask the Chinese to drain their cultivated land would be tantamount to a request to alter the agricultural methods in vogue for centuries.

A black chow dog was sent to Kennedy Town yesterday for observation after the animal had bitten a Chinese living at No. 44, Canton Road.

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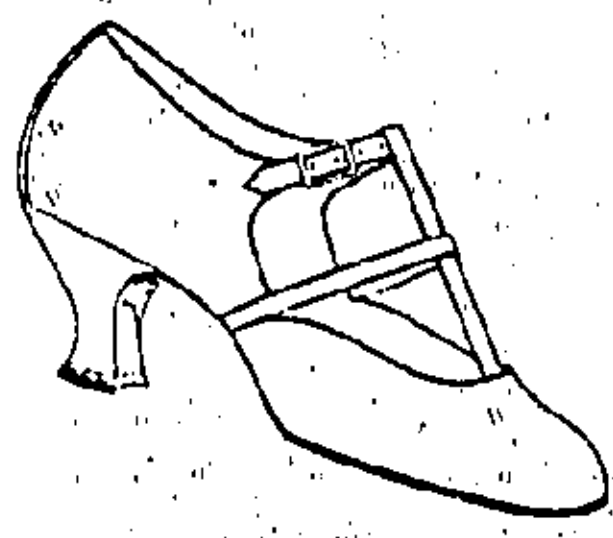
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HONGKONG'S MAD BUFFALOES.

Yesterday's sensational Praya
incident in which a European was
gored by a wild buffalo calls for
comment upon two grounds.

First of all we must congratulate
Captain J. S. de Wolf upon his
remarkably narrow escape from
death. But for the extremely
plucky action of Mr. D. E. Donnelly
in dashing to his rescue, coupled
with the accident that he fell face
downwards, Captain de Wolf, as
we pointed out yesterday when
reporting the incident, must
almost certainly have been killed.
Mr. Donnelly, who was also lucky
to escape without serious hurt,
deserves the highest praise for
his gallantry. During the whole
time he was wrestling to free
Captain de Wolf from the buffalo
he was in the gravest danger him-
self of being attacked and possibly
gored to death. Inspector Lane
also deserves a tribute for the
prompt assistance he was able to
give Mr. Donnelly in rescuing
Captain de Wolf from his perilous
position.

Having publicly attested the
courage of the three Europeans
concerned, we come to the second,
and less agreeable, aspect of the
incident.

First reports fail to mention
what part was played by the
persons in charge of the buffalo,
and as this must surely form the
subject of official inquiry, we
cannot here offer any comment.
However we have full liberty to
condemn the unconcern of the
large crowd that assembled when
Captain de Wolf was attacked.

During the whole time that
Captain de Wolf and Mr. Donnelly
were in danger, none of the
Chinese present made the slightest
attempt to give any help. Unfor-
tunately we can do little more than
condemn this apathy, for culpable
as it seems in European eyes, it
is not so much to be wondered at
as to defect in the national

spirit of commercialism. It is,
furthermore, like a drink of cold
water to a thirsty soul to be
assured on such eminent
authority that "even in the sordid
profession of the law there is a
great deal of satisfaction" to be
obtained by doing work for the
benefit of others"—presumably
without fee or reward or even the
hope of such. It is to be feared
that too many imagine that com-
mercialism must always be prac-
tised according to its definition;
that the dollar, the whole dollar,
and nothing but the dollar must
actuate one's actions from early
morn'g to dewy eve; that all
notion of helping a fellow-man
for the sheer love of it must be
studiously kept in the background
until one's banking account makes
a Rothschild's credit balance seem
mighty small. Too many profess
to know nothing beyond the
axioms contained within the
covers of Smiles's "Self-Help,"
forgetful of the fact that there
may be a greater and a more last-
ing joy and pleasure in ministering
to the needs of others, even
though such implies the expendi-
ture of money already hard
earned. There is a place for com-
mercialism; but it should not be
permitted to become a mental
autocrat, banishing all thought of
good for the "other fellow" or the
community in general. If the will
to do a kindly service permeates
the individual soul and con-
science, the pursuit of commer-
cialism will be given an added
zest, for, after all, there is a wide
gulf between the commercialist
and the miser. Presumably, Sir
Henry Pollock gently insinuated
yesterday that there is likewise
too great a span between the
commercialist and the philan-
thropist—a span that could be
easily bridged even by the obscure
citizen in his daily walk. Truly,
money is not everything.

Therefore no opportunity should
be lost of teaching the Chinese
that they must be something more
than mere residents of Hongkong.
They must be citizens!

Chinese Servants.

It is a coincidence that, from
two different sources—Manchester
and Penang—we have before us a
couple of dissertations on the ever
old yet ever new theme of Chinese
servants. Nothing if not sarcastic
is "M.E.W." (cat-like initials,
too!), who breathes fire and
thunder at the whole mighty
populace of Chinese servants—
which may incidentally explain
why he writes from Manchester
and not from Hongkong. He
speaks of a never-ending file of
Chinese, extending from Peking to
the borders of Burma, who "are
ready to come and live and smoke
and play cards and gossip at one's
expense, but of servants in the
English sense how few there
are!" The jaundiced gentleman
with the feline initials, then
denounces each and every trait
and custom of the Chinese ser-
vant; as if the latter hapless
creature possessed in his own body
all the plagues of Egypt and a few
more in addition. After a very
wearisome tirade, he sums up the
position, to his own satisfaction,
with the "sage" remark that
"what will always prevent com-
plete harmony between master
and servant is the clash between
Eastern and Western thought
on the subject of honesty." Con-
trariwise, the other view
referred to above—that from
Penang in the "Straits Echo"—
asserts that "the amount of
solid honesty to be met with in
every class, except the pro-
fessional criminal class, is simply
astounding." With servants from
respectable families, the house-
holder need have no fear for his
goods. "Be loyal," says the native
maxim, "to the master whose rice
you eat"; and this maxim is
usually fulfilled to the letter. The
"Echo" proceeds to detail all the
good points of the Chinese ser-
vant, concluding with quoting Con-
fucius: "If you mistrust a man
do not employ him; if you employ
a man, do not distrust him." No
doubt, as the Penang paper sug-
gests, this will still be found to be
an excellent working rule in
dealings with Chinese servants.
In any case, like the poor, they
are always with us; and there
must be as much toleration on
the part of many disgruntled
Western employers as on the side
of their very necessary household
employees. The policy of give and
take cannot always be preached,
but not acted upon, by one side
only.

The Commercial Spirit.

On receiving the L.L.D.—the
highest degree which it is in the
power of the Hongkong Univer-
sity to confer—at the University
Congregation yesterday, Sir
Henry Pollock improved the shin-
ing hour by emitting a few
scintillating rays of thought—
that are deserving of a wider
audience than the University
students. In an age of commer-
cialism, it is rather refreshing to
find a distinguished knight and
lawyer, upholding the students' no-

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furthermore, like a drink of cold
water to a thirsty soul to be
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ON DUTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKAI, KONGMOON, Jan. 5.
A telegram has been received to
the effect that General Hsu Shung-
chi, Commander-in-Chief of all
Cantonese troops under Dr. Sun
Yat-sen's Government, is to arrive
here to-day after a tour of inspec-
tion of defences at Shuang, West
River.

At the North Gate barracks
(Pak Kau-cheung), a huge *Pailan*,
"triumphal arch" has been
erected in his honour, as he will
review the garrison here.

Special police guards, fully
armed, are patrolling the streets
from the railway station to the
magistrate's *yamen* at Sanwul,
where General Hsu will reside.
He will be accompanied to the
yamen by the magistrate.

TRUSTING CHINESE.

CHIEF JUSTICE EXPRESSES
SURPRISE.

CHOPIS IGNORED.

Surprise at the trust placed by
Chinese in each other in regard to
business negotiations was ex-
pressed by the Chief Justice, Sir
Henry Cowper Gollan, in the
Supreme Court this morning when
a claim was heard against a firm
as the makers of promissory notes.
This remark was prompted by the
statement of one of the witnesses
that when they had dealings with
a firm they trusted, they never
looked at the chop on documents
which that firm sent them.

The two firms were Messrs.
V. G. Humphreys and Co.,
importers and exporters mer-
chants (the plaintiffs), and
the Tai Sai Kai firm (defendants),
and the claim was in respect of
cashes of singlets which were alleged
to have been ordered by the de-
fendant firm through their ac-
credited broker.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the
plaintiffs, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster,
K. C., for the defendants.

Mr. Jenkin gave particulars of
the transactions which had taken
place between the broker (who was
referred to as Au) and the plaintiff
firm and produced in Court the con-
tract signed with a chop he alleged
was that of the firm, also the
order of delivery and the bill of
lading.

It is on the lines of an alleged
forgery in chops that Mr. Alabaster
is cross-examining the witnesses
who have so far been called for
the plaintiffs.

(Case proceeding.)

TRY THIS FOR YOUR COUGHS.

A nervous hacking cough cannot be
cured by a glass of water, but it will
disappear under the healing and soothing
influence of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy.

ARMS EVIL

THE SHANGHAI RECOM-
MENDATIONS.

LOCAL COMPARISONS.

CONDITIONS HERE VASTLY
DIFFERENT.

Yesterday the "China Mail"
published a list of recommenda-
tions by a special committee,
appointed by the Shanghai
Municipal Council, regarding the
arms evil and its connection with
an epidemic of serious crime in
Shanghai.

This morning a "China Mail"
reporter called on the Captain
Superintendent of Police (the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) to ascer-
tain what bearing the recom-
mendations might have on
Hongkong.

Mr. Wolfe pointed out that con-
ditions in this Colony and in the
Settlement were vastly different.
Here administration was under one
authority. In Shanghai, there were
the Commissioner of Customs, the
various Consular Courts, and other
bodies besides the Police. An an-
omaly referred to by the C.S.P. was
the fact that the Water Police in
Shanghai was under the control of
the Customs and not the Municipal
Police.

Instanting recommendation No.
5, which suggested that certain
Consuls be approached so that
penalties could be increased, Mr.
Wolfe mentioned that most of the
recommendations, or rather the
local equivalents, had been carried out in Hongkong
for two or three years. Apparent-
ly, Shanghai had reached a stage
at which it had been found ex-
pedient to do the same.

Hongkong did not employ
the "special" detectives on ships
in harbour as was recommended
under heading No. 1 of the Shang-
hai report. Guards, under the con-
trol of the Police, did duty
in the Colony; and, even if
they were not quite perfect,
the Police experience had been
that they were more satisfactory
than detectives. At present, guards
were posted on most ships work-
ing in Hongkong harbour and
amongst other lines, the U. S.
Shipping Board procured all their
guards through the Police.

Regarding co-operation with the
Police at ports from which ship-
ments of arms were suspected to
originate, Mr. Wolfe stated that,
as a result of communication
with the authorities at American
Pacific ports, vigilance there had
been increased and wholesale ship-
ments of arms from those ports to
Hongkong had practically ceased.
He (the C. S. P.) had also noticed
that the Police at Hamburg had
been active in the matter.

THE DAILY FIRE.

OUTBREAK ON A STEAMER.

A VILLAGE ALARM.

Since the New Year, the Fire
Brigade has been called upon
almost daily to attend outbreaks.

This morning there were two
occurrences, for both of which the
fire float was requisitioned, but in
neither case was its services re-
quired.

Early in the morning, the Cen-
tral Fire Station was called by the
Water Police to attend a fire on
the s.s. "Sodegaura Maru,"
which was lying off Kellett
Island. On the float reaching
the vessel it was found that the
outbreak had already been quelled
by the ship's personnel. Some
vegetable tar and a portion of the
bulkhead in a store-room under
the vessel's poop were destroyed
and damaged by fire.

Shortly before noon, Kowloon
station received a call from a vil-
lage house in Lower Sha Po, near
Kowloon City. The fire float was
also despatched, but when it
got there the trouble had ended.
A small house was partially de-
stroyed before the Kowloon Brigade
subdued the flame.

PERILOUS CHASE.

CONSTABLE AND SUSPECT
INJURED.

In his eagerness to get away
from a policeman who was chasing
him, a Chinese fell through a gap
in the second floor of a house
under construction at Reclamation
Street.

The pursuer, a Chinese con-
stable, was no less seized with the
desire to get the man at all costs,
and he followed him through the
same gap. Both men sustained
injuries in the fall and had to be
taken to hospital.

SAINT GEORGE.

THE ANNUAL BALL
TO-NIGHT.

PERFECT ARRANGEMENTS.

The committees appointed by
the Society of St. George, Hong-
kong, have been engaged for
two months on the work of pre-
paration for to-night's ball and
every care has been taken in the
arrangements made for the com-
fort of the guests and the smooth
working of the evening's
programme.

A great deal of the work is not
of a nature which meets the eye,
but that of the Decoration Com-
mittee is something tangible, and
when the result of their efforts is
seen by the revellers it will justify
them in for a great deal of praise.

A very sniff of "merrie" Eng-
land is provided within the castle
walls which encircle the City Hall.
Commencing with the display of
old English inn signs above the
entrance to the two bars on the
right and left of the entrance hall,
the scheme is carried out in the
decorations to the stairway, land-
ings, dancing halls, and sitting
out rooms where the arms of ye
ancient boroughs are prominently
displayed.

With drapings, flags, rosettes,
and St. George's Crosses, the
colours of the Society have been
worked into a scheme of decora-
tion which is most pleasing to the
eye; and when the light from the
hearts of the roses and from the
yellow and black draped larger
lamps play on the dancers the re-
sult will be as refreshing a com-
bination of shades as could be
desired.

The illuminated St. George's
Cross at the head of the stairway
will come in for general admi-
ration, as will the painting of the
Saint in the smaller of the two
halls. This is the work of Mr.
L. G. Bird, the Chairman of the
Decoration Committee.

Following is the full list of the
committees who have been
responsible for the arrangements
made for the Ball:

Invitation and Reception Com-
mittee:—Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird
(Chairman), Dr. G. M. Harston
(Vice-Chairman), Sir Claud
Severn, C.M.G., LL.D., Hon. Mr.
Justice Gompertz, Hon. Sir H. E.
Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. J. H.
Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., Hon. Mr.
E. D. C. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. P. H.
Holyoak, Mr. C. Montague Ede,
Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. C. G.
Alabaster, K.C., Col. Russell
Brown, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mr.
L. S. Greenhill (Hon. Secretary),
Mr. H. E. Hollands (Ball Secre-
tary).

Decoration Committee:—Mr.
L. G. Bird (Chairman), Mr. H.
Green, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Lt.-
Col. G. F. Hole, R.N., Lt.-Col.
C. Hake, R.N.R., Hon. Mr. H. T.
Creasy, Mr. Edward Cook, Mr.
A. F. W. Tickle, Mr. G. H. M.
Bannerman.

Music and Dancing Committee:
—Mr. W. A. Dowley (Chairman),
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. G.
Grimble, Mr. J. H. Donnithorne,
Mr. F. S. Harrison, Mr. H. Han-
cock, Mr. G. Henderson, Mr. J. H.
Ramsay.

Cloak Room Committee:—Dr.
G. Montague Harston (Chair-
man), Mr. E. Cook, Mr. G. Hen-
derson, Mr. F. A. Wells, Mr. E.
Ralphs.

Card Room Committee:—Mr.
E. B. C. Hornell (Chairman),
Mr. H. P. Winslow, Mr. A. G.
Coppitt, Mr. H. G. Resker, Mr.
V. M. Graybill, Mr. L. C. F.
Bellamy, Mr. W. C. Shiner.

Wines and Supper Committee:
—Mr. S. Baker (Chairman), Mr.
M. E. F. Ailey, Mr. G. H. Percy,
Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. P. S.
Cassidy, Mr. V. Walker, Mr. J. W.
Gloyn, Mr. A. Nicholson, Mr.
W. J. Eldridge, Mr. W. H. Perry,
Mr. W. J. Hill, Mr. V. C. Labrum,
Mr. W. W. Blackenridge, Mr.
G. G. Wood.

HOCKEY.

CLUB "A" v. ROYAL
ENGINEERS.

The following will represent
the Hongkong Hockey Club "A"
versus Royal Engineers at Soc-
kumpoo on Wednesday at 5
o'clock sharp:

A. Bower, G. H. Percy, G. R.
Vallack, H. C. Macnamara, H. R.
Meacock, C. F. Lloyd, D. S. Green,
D. Lyon, H. G. Gardner, H. H.
Rose, and J. Wedlake (Capt.).
Referee:—W. H. Edmonds.

H.K.H.C. v. SUBMARINES.

The following will represent
the H.K.H.C. 1st XI against the
Submarines at the U.S.R.C. at
5 p.m. sharp on Wednesday:

P. W. F. Mills, H. Owen,
Hughes, C. L. R. Becher, Rev.
E. W. L. Martin, E. J. R. Mitchell
(captain), L. P. Ralph, G. R.
Morr, H. C. A. Webster, L. Jones.

CHINA'S HOPES.

NEW PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, January 6. Lu Yung-hsiang's going to Nan-king and his advance guards have reached the city, Chi Hsieh-yung's troops being dispersed. The outlook is promising for a peaceful settlement.

WU PEI-FU IN TEMPLE.

HANKOW, January 5. Two gunboats and two large lighters bearing Wu Pei-fu, his entourage, all his troops, and five wagon loads of silver dollars left this morning for Aochow-hsien. For the present Wu Pei-fu will remain in retirement in a temple at Hsi-shan.

Earlier cables from Peking report that a mandate abolishes the posts of Inspectors-General of the Army, of whom General Feng Yu-hsiang is one. The mandate instructs Feng Yu-hsiang to remain as Tupan of the North-West Frontier Defence, to which post Tsao Kun's administration appointed him. But he then ignored the appointment. Another mandate appoints Sung Chih-yuan acting commandant of Feng Yu-hsiang's famous eleventh division. It is assumed Government expects Feng to turn over the command thereof temporarily. Marshal Chang Tso-lin recently stated he intended to leave Tientsin for Mukden to-day. Well-informed persons assert Chang Tso-lin's decision has precipitated a situation in which the Government is determined immediately to test Feng Yu-hsiang's loyalty—a thing which these mandates undoubtedly do.

LATEST EVENTS.

(Courtesy "Daily Bulletin.")

PEKING, January 5. The recent popular apprehension is understandable in view of the latest political developments, which have aroused the keenest interest and general satisfaction, as a situation has been created which reveals Feng Yu-hsiang's real attitude towards the Tuan Chi-ji Administration. Chang Tso-lin a few days ago, informed Peking that he intended to return to Mukden, probably leaving Tientsin to-day, and upon receipt of this information all the members of the Cabinet, with the exception of the Acting Ministers of Education and Commerce, went to Tientsin ostensibly with the object of taking farewell of Chang Tso-lin.

The departure of the members of Parliament, coupled with hints of important mandates being contemplated which accept Feng Yu-hsiang's resignations, seem principally responsible for the public anxiety.

The expected mandates were issued last night, and are as follows:—(1) Stating that in compliance with Feng Yu-hsiang's request, the posts of Inspector-Generals of the Army, one of which Feng Yu-hsiang held, are hereby abolished, and Feng Yu-hsiang is instructed to remain as Tupan of the North-West Frontier Defence, cancel his leave and assume this office immediately. In connection with this mandate, it is worthy of note that the Tsao Kun Administration appointed Feng Yu-hsiang Tupan of the North-West Frontier Defence, but that Feng Yu-hsiang quietly ignored the appointment. (2) Appointing Ma Fu-hsiang co-Director of the North-West Frontier Defence. In this connection it may be remarked that Ma Fu-hsiang hitherto has been looked upon as an opponent of Feng Yu-hsiang. He is one of the most prominent Mohammedan leaders, whom the Government always deemed necessary to placate in order to avoid trouble with the powerful Mohammedan clans in the North-West, and the question arises whether Ma Fu-hsiang will accept. If so, what will be his relations with Feng Yu-hsiang? (3) Appointing Li Ming-chun Tutan of Suaiyuan, vice Ma Fu-hsiang. (4) Appointing Sung Chih-yuan acting Commandant of the Eleventh Division. In making this appointment the Government does not relieve Feng Yu-hsiang of command of his splendid Eleventh Division, but it is assumed that the Government expects that Feng Yu-hsiang will turn over the command temporarily to Sung Chih-yuan, which is considered to constitute the great test of Feng Yu-hsiang's loyalty to the Government. Official circles affirm that Feng Yu-hsiang is ready to comply with the mandates.

Reports from Tientsin assert that Chang Tso-lin's decision to return to Mukden was taken because he had become tired of the procrastination, and many well-informed persons in Peking say that Chang Tso-lin's intention to retire to the North has precipitated a situation in which the Government are determined to test the position immediately. A fifth mandate appoints Hu Shu-tsung as a special delegate to

SEDITION IN ITALY.

DISBANDMENT DECREE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

TAKEN QUIETLY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, January 5. The Government has decreed the disbandment of the Italia Libera, the ex-Servicio Officers' party, headed by General Peppino Garibaldi, on the ground of its alleged anti-Constitutional and seditious programme.

The disbandment is being carried out without any incident. [A Rome cablegram of November 11, referring to General Garibaldi's party, stated:—There is growing opposition to the Fascist Government and its methods, fanned by the Combatant Association, consisting of ex-service men. A collision between the two organisations a few days ago was followed by General Peppino Garibaldi, leader of the Combatant, expressing a desire to fight a duel with Signor Mussolini which, however, did not eventuate, but General Balbo, head of the Fascist Militia, has challenged General Garibaldi. The Government have now prohibited all political meetings, which the Combatant declare is directed against them. The bitter feeling has been intensified by a striking Combatant appeal on the eve of the reassembling of the Chamber, attacking the Government in veiled terms. The manifesto declares that the Combatant have never recognised any monopoly of patriotism, and emphasises that the first and foremost duty is obedience to the law. It invites parliament and the Government to see that violence ceases and that the law resumes its normal course for all.]

MINISTERS RESIGN.

Rome, January 5. The Ministers of Justice, Instruction and Public Works have resigned. The King has appointed substitutes. It is also reported that Sgr. Salandra has resigned the leadership of the Italian delegation to the League of Nations.

STRIKING RESULTS.

Rome, January 6. Sgr. Mussolini's declaration in the Chamber on Saturday that he would break the back of the Aventine Liberal Opposition within forty-eight hours has been followed by striking results.

The whole Opposition press has lost its vehemence and has ceased to attack the Government and merely publishes bald news. The "Mondo" exclusively devoted to day's issue to subscriptions for Epiphany presents to Roman children. All anti-Government organisations have been raided and dissolved, including the "Italia Libera." The Aventine ex-Minister, Sgr. Amendola is reported to have invited the former Premiers, Sgr. Giolitti and Sgr. Orlando, to join the revolt, but these have refused.

It is also reported that the whole Ministry apart from those previously cabled have placed portfolios at Sgr. Mussolini's disposal in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Cabinet.

SERB SENSATION.

PEASANT PARTY LEADER ARRESTED. AN INTRIGUER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Belgrade, January 5. M. Raditch, leader of the recently oppressed Peasant Party, who is accused of intriguing with the Soviets, has been arrested at Agram, in a secret room in the house of the arrested Deputy, M. Hochutich.

[A Belgrade message of January 2 stated, *inter alia*:—A first-class political sensation has been created by a Government decree ordering the dissolution of the Radical Croatian Peasants' Party, on the ground that the Party has allied itself with Communism. The Minister of the Interior stated that the Government's action is not directed against the Croats. It is not a domestic nor a political act, but a measure of defence against an external enemy. M. Raditch was then supposed to be abroad.]

SHENSI TUCHUN.

SHANGHAI, January 5. The families of Liu Chen-hua and staff have arrived at Loyang. Liu Chen-hua, Tuchun of Shensi, is reported to have already left Shensi under pressure of the Shensi leader, Wu Hsi-tien.

SUN WENTIES.

KAIFENG, January 4. Po Wen-wei, the Kuomintang ex-Tuchun of Anhui, and Admiral Niu Yung-chien, also a Sun Yat-sen-lie, arrived yesterday on a visit to Hu China-yl.

DEGREE CONGREGATION.

HONOURS BESTOWED BY HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS.

Sir Henry Pollock And Mr. John Swire.

Note-worthy additions to the ranks of what the Vice-Chancellor modestly termed the "not undistinguished company of honorary graduates of this University," were made at the sixteenth Congregation of the University of Hongkong which took place yesterday afternoon when the Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Mr. John Swire (in absentia) and Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

The work of Sir Henry, Mr. Swire and of the firm of Butterfield & Swire were referred to, previous to the presentation of the degrees by the Vice-Chancellor, who said:—

"When the idea of this University was first mooted, the Taikoo firms made an offer of £40,000 (applause), an offer which, in the words of the first Chancellor of the University, made the realisation of the scheme possible. That contribution has since been supplemented by a contribution of \$100,000 from Messrs. John Swire & Sons, Ltd., London, the income from which is devoted to the Engineering Department.

"I need hardly remind my audience of the Taikoo Docks and the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. Speaking for myself and my colleagues, we shall not be satisfied until the graduates of this University find their way into these two undertakings as workers."

The University owes a great debt of gratitude to the Taikoo firms. "If you would seek evidence of it I have merely to ask you to cast your eyes at the platform, where sits Mr. Middleton Smith, Taikoo Professor in Engineering. (Applause.) The senior officer of the firm has always been a member of the University Council and Finance Committee. I am sorry Mr. G. M. Young is not here this afternoon, but I am very glad to see Mr. Brown here in his place and other representatives of this great firm. It is our desire to ask for union and sympathy with the great commercial undertaking of this town, and look for help, guidance and advice."

"Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (applause) has recently been knighted by the King. Sir Henry Pollock was educated at Charterhouse, but left there at the early age of 18, first to go into a bank in Old Drury. There he remained for a year, but to everyone it was obvious that he was designed from birth to be a lawyer."

Having received £50 as a remuneration for his year's service, he withdrew to the shades of the Temple and studied law. He was called to the Bar in November, 1887, and came out to Hongkong in April, 1888, and was immediately admitted as a practitioner.

Since then Sir Henry has played many leading parts as Puisne Judge, Police Magistrate, Attorney-General—both here and in Fiji—and also as Chairman of the Peace Celebration and War Memorial Finance Committee. As Chairman of the Housing Committee, he produced what our local Press described as a voluminous report. But this report does not exhaust the whole of Sir Henry's literary work. Sir Henry has already been an ardent supporter of Constitutional Reform on the lines of the Petition which went to the House of Commons. He has been a member of the University Court from the start of the University. (Applause.) I think I am right in saying he has never missed any meeting held. (Applause.)

It is almost a tradition to describe lawyers as possessors of characters which are dubious and witty. (Laughter.) A book published in English in the 16th century opens with a long diatribe concerning wrong-doers, and said "The lawyer shall never want of a living till the earth wanteth of men."

I trust Sir Henry will live long and when the time comes for him to go, he has deserved well of the community among which he has been so long. (Applause.) In welcoming you, Sir Henry, to the not undistinguished company of honorary graduates of this University, we welcome you as a citizen with a great record of public service and devotion as a worker for the University, who has already done a great deal for it, and we ask that your co-operation and advice be continued." (Loud applause.)

Degrees were then presented among much applause from the Gallery which was packed with students.

Apart from the honorary degree, the following were presented:—

Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:—
Tan So-kin.
To Shiu-hung.
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Engineering):—
Yeow Tuck-onn.

Degree of Bachelor of Arts:—
Tseng Kue-shun.
Wong Kwok-fong.
Wong Tin-sik.
Sir Henry's Reply.

Sir Henry Pollock replied, and said:—

"I feel it a very great honour to be here this afternoon to receive an honorary degree. My only regret is that I am not able to inform you, because it would not be correct, that I have earned the degree by my own tongue, and I feel rather bashful as a lawyer, to come before you for an honorary degree."

"As I said just now I appreciate very much the honour done to me not merely for myself, but when I reflect upon the numerous distinguished men who have received that degree before me. Whilst I am speaking of my predecessors, perhaps you will allow me to say that there seems to be an impression abroad that the recipients of this degree are so intoxicated by it that they are unable to walk out of the room, but I would prefer to march out on my own feet. (Laughter.) I hope you will allow me to do so."

"Students, I do not come before you as a stranger. It has been my privilege to give addresses on various subjects. You were good enough to listen for an hour on two occasions I gave lectures. You were very attentive yourselves and I propose to detain you only for a comparatively short time this afternoon. I am quite sure, students, you realise the great importance of the work which you are doing here in this University, and I hope that you will bear in mind that importance. I also venture to hope in the pursuit of your degree, whether of medicine or engineering, that you will not be led astray by the spirit of commercialism. In the sordid profession of the law I can assure you there is a great deal to be obtained by doing work for the benefit of others. (Applause.)

"You are perhaps tempted to feel that you, individually, are only a single unit. I would remind you that it is the very solitary men of the world who have been able in a great many cases to produce very great and striking results, and that each one of you can do a great deal, provided that you follow the traditions of the past, and you don't lay aside three qualities—namely respect for parents, respect for authority and respect for tradition."

"I hope that in these days of change that you will still pay regard to these three qualities to which I have referred, and that you will also continue to exercise the great gifts of patience, perseverance and industry, which have so materially contributed to the welfare of your race."

"I do not propose to say anything except in very general terms about the state of affairs we can see around us in the Republic of China. I will only say this, if you gentlemen are interested in the politics of China, I sincerely trust that you will put your weight into the scale of conciliation and not into the scale of violence. (Applause.)

"I am convinced that only by means of passive co-operation between the leaders in China, a successful issue out of the present troubles will be found, and if I may venture to do so, I should like to commend to them the splendid saying handed down from an old sage 'Within the four seas all men are brothers.'"

His Excellency then declared the Congregation closed. The Procession comprised:—His Excellency the Chancellor. The Mace-Bearer. Hon. Sir Henry Pollock. The Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer.

The Dean, Faculty of Medicine and the Dean, Faculty of Engineering. The Dean, Faculty of Arts and the Registrar.

H.E. Sir John Fowler and His Honour Sir Henry Gollan. His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz and Hon. Sir Claud Severn.

Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp and Hon. Mr. C. McI Messer. Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Hon. Mr. H. T. Greay.

Hon. Mr. F. H. Holyoak and Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe. Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun and Mr. Chau Si-ki.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce and Mr. A. H. Barlow.

Mr. S. W. Tso and Mr. Ho Fook. Mr. Ho Kom-tong and Mr. Ho Kwong.

Dr. R. M. Gibson and Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. Mr. M. P. Talati and Mr. J. R. Wood.

Mr. Mok Kon-sang and Mr. Tung Ping-shun. Prof. H. G. Earle and Prof. W. Brown.

Prof. G. T. Byrne and Prof. F. A. Redmond. Prof. J. Anderson and Prof. J. L. Shellshar.

PEAK WEDDING.

FRANKLIN—MURDOCH.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

The journalistic and medical professions were well represented at the wedding which took place at the Peak Church yesterday afternoon of Miss Gladys Livingston Murdoch, daughter of the Rev. A. G. Murdoch, M.A., B.D., and Mrs. Murdoch, of Glass, Huntly, Scotland, and Mr. Frederick Percy Franklin, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Franklin, of Bourne-mouth, Hampshire, England. Both are well known in the Colony. Mr. Franklin being manager of the "Hongkong Telegraph," and his bride on the Nursing Staff of the Government Civil Hospital.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle. Mr. A. Morley attended the bridegroom as best man. Mrs. Quarles van Ufford acted as organist, playing the Wedding March and the hymn "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden."

The bride's dress was of white charmeuse, trimmed with pearls and orange blossom. She wore a white georgette hat with ostrich feather trimming and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaid's dress was of silver charmeuse, trimmed with georgette and she wore a black cloche hat trimmed with pink and mauve georgette flowers. The little flower girl wore a cream figured net dress flounced over white charmeuse.

The bride's going away dress was of powdered blue wool moiré, embroidered, and hat of black tulle with powdered blue silk trimming and crimson moss ribbons.

A reception was held after the ceremony at No. 266, The Peak. The happy couple are going on a honeymoon trip to Amoy and Foochow.

The wedding cake was supplied by Café Wiseman.

RIVER PIRATES.

ENCOUNTERS NEAR NGAN CHAU HU.

ANCIENT CANNON.

RICE JUNKS ATTACKED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAIKAI, KONGMOON, Jan. 5. Following the recent rumour that pirates had virtually declared war on the river steamers running between Hongkong and this port, H.M.S. "Moorhen" now acts as escort every night for the down convoys, proceeding in the rear of the guard ship of the convoy.

News has come in of encounters with pirates near Ngan Chau Hu. In one affair, the desperadoes were beaten off from a valuable raft of fir timber, the crew of the following junk using their ancient cannon to good effect. Several pirates were killed.

Almost at the same spot a fleet of rice junks was successfully attacked, several of the craft being taken away by the outlaws as prizes.

Every day reports have come in of people being forcibly taken away for ransom. Kung Yick, a thriving up-country port, is under a continuous state of martial law. Several hundred men of questionable character have been seen by scouts at a village close by. As the garrison is very small, residents are fleeing to Tam Shui-hau, a town across the river, for safety at night.

The prevalence of robberies has brought about the resumption of Merchants' Volunteer Corps patrols in all ports, as was the case before the trouble at Canton.

Jeddah, Jan. 5.—Having rejected the final attempts to bring about peace, Ibn Saud has moved his forces on Jeddah. His advance guards reached the outskirts of the town yesterday morning, but were driven off by Ali's forces.—Reuter.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—British, French, Italian and Japanese Ambassadors and the Belgian Minister called upon Herr Marx on Tuesday last and presented him with the Allied Government's note with regard to the evacuation of the Cologne zone.—Reuter.

Prof. W. Faid and Prof. J. W. N. Smith. Dr. C. W. McKenny and Dr. G. H. Thomas. Dr. E. P. Minnett and Rev. C. E. Shan.

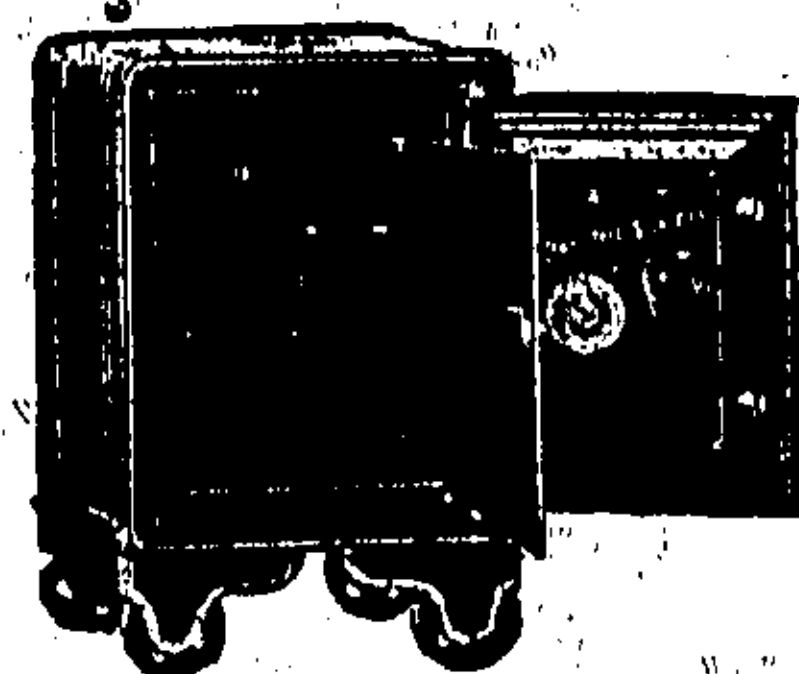
Rev. J. Romanis Lee and Mr. D. W. Morley.

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Part 4.—(a) Andante ma non troppo; (b) Più mosso; (c) Andante moderato;
L1563 Part 5.—(a) Andante moderato; (b) Adagio.
Part 6.—(a) Allegretto; (b) Adagio ma non troppo;
L1564 Part 7.—(a) Allegretto; (b) Presto (First Half);
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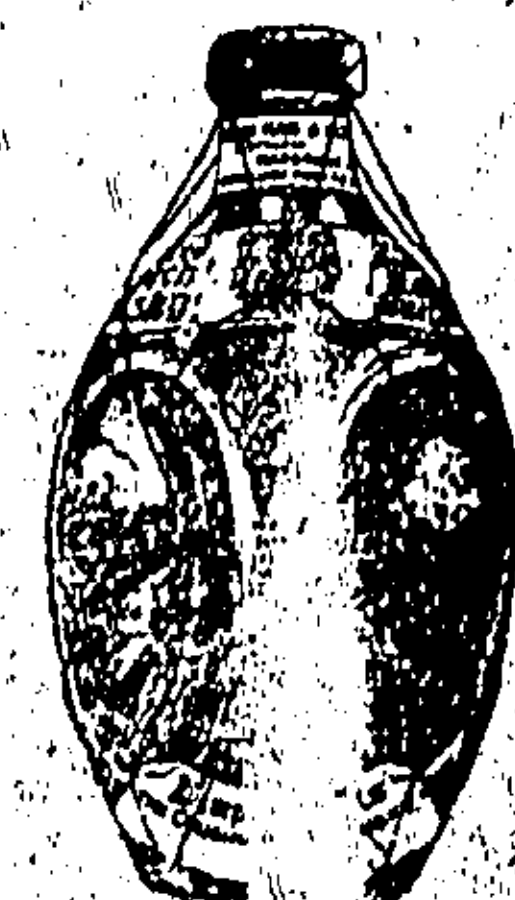
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Trains on the Sunning Railway are now running irregularly, says our Kowloon correspondent, on account of the damaged ferry bridge at Ngau Wan.

The annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral will be held in the Cathedral Hall, on Friday, January 30, at 4.45 p.m.

At the Hongkong Volunteer Headquarters yesterday afternoon 30,000 square feet of Crown land at Tsun Wan were sold by auction at the upset price of \$600. There was no bidding. Miss Violet Chan is the purchaser.

Mr. James Dalrymple, one of the greatest authorities on tramway traffic in the world, is on a short visit to Bombay, at the request of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., to advise on its traffic position and its possibilities. The Tramway Co. has planned extensive schemes of development and has recently secured the services of Sir Stanley Reed as Managing Director. Sir Stanley Reed, who knows thoroughly the possibilities of the city and its traffic conditions, is already busy at work in the Tramway Co.'s office.

Yokohama has not a very savoury past, says the "Japan Chronicle," and it would appear that following the earthquake all the worst elements are again at work. We have already noted the number of robberies, and now the "Japan Times" reports a great increase in the number of sailors' bars. In fact it is said that there are more bars for foreign seamen in Yokohama than in any other port in the Far East, which only goes to show the enterprise of the Japanese. As to the type of liquor supplied, the sailors who lose their ships are supposedly not without a sense of humour when they attribute their intoxication to the bad spirits which the bars sell. Nevertheless, there can be little doubt that the sailors who enter the places are served with liquor that deteriorates the farther they advance in the stages of intoxication. In the old days Yokohama's "Bloodtown" was a noted quarter, among the first of the crimes coming before the Japanese courts after the abolition of extra-territoriality being a murder committed there by an American seaman. Of late years, however, "Bloodtown" has considerably improved, and it would be a pity if it should fall into its old bad state.

Fotis of pawnshops at Kowloon have been given permission to form a guild.

During the week ending December 20, some 30,775 bowls of porridge were distributed by Salvationists to the hungry of Peking. In the four, *chen ch'angs* at present being operated by the Salvation Army in Peking. This is an average of over 4,500 daily. During last week the numbers were still higher, the daily average being about 5,000. On Christmas Day, thousands of needy guests were given meat and vegetables in addition to the millet porridge. Poor children were entertained in each of the various centres of Army work in Peking. Cheques in aid of this work of mercy should be sent to Commissioner Pearce, 71, Morrison Street, Peking.

An interesting device for obtaining electric current without any record of it being made on the meter of a Chinese dwelling house, came to light in the Mixed Court in Shanghai when a Chinese woman was charged with the larceny of electricity. Evidence showed that in the house of the accused an electric wire had been attached to the main before it entered the meter and this had been connected to an ordinary light fitting thus enabling the accused fraudulently to obtain current. Mr. Maitland for the prosecution stated that this device had been discovered by the Electricity Department on account of the sudden reduction in the amount of current consumed. Judging from the record of units it had been going on since December, 1923. These records started with a consumption of 31 units in the month and ended with three. In the intermediate intervals the figures had been very spasmodic. Accused was sent to prison for a month.

The "Japan Times" publishes a long story about the activity of gun-runners on the south coast of Japan, where a schooner named the "Tenjin Maru" is alleged to be attempting to run some arms to China. As the arms are supposed to be already loaded on the "Tenjin Maru," which appears to have left Osaka, where the arms are said to have been put on board, there seems no reason why she should not get away. The story is a very confused one, however, mixed up with Russians and Chinese and the usual fascinating woman who is the leader of the gang. Whether the arms are to be used by the Whites against the Reds or by Chinese brigands the "Japan Times" confesses it cannot make out, but there is material for an exciting film in the yarn, in fact, it sounds more like a film story than an incident in real life.

"Reincarnation" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday January 7th, at 5.45 p.m. All are welcome.

Yesterday morning, the river steamers from Hongkong, says our Kowloon correspondent, could not get alongside their respective wharves at Pakkai owing to the shallow state of the river.

A Chinese who was brought to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday was found to be suffering from the effects of opium poisoning. The man is said to have been living in the servants' quarters at No. 5, Ice House Street.

It is reported that the brigands in the Sichuan district of Honan are now making inquiries as to the valuables possessed by foreigners, and that foreigners travelling in the interior are advised not to carry gold or silver watches, while even wedding rings may prove a serious menace to the wearers.

A correspondent in the Malay Peninsula writes that he saw it reported that in the floods in North China six inches of rain fell in a day. He says: "We had twelve inches and a half before one o'clock the other day and another two or three in the afternoon. Several roads were washed away, and bridges suffered severely, some being taken away."

A Japanese opera singer, Mme. Telko Kiwa, took the part of Madame Butterfly at the State Opera House in Berlin on November 24, and gained very appreciative comment from the critics. Madame Telko Kiwa sang in Italian, and she was applauded and called before the curtain at the close of each act.

The population of Shansi Province is given as in 1919 at 2,241,633 families, and in 1922 as 2,308,563. The population was 11,338,958 in 1919 and 11,654,879 in 1922. The figures are perhaps the nearest approach to a scientific census in China, says the Bureau of Economic Information.

Among the December reviews and magazines "The Cornhill Magazine" contains an interesting description, by Lt.-Col. P. T. Ebertson, of Chinese Turkistan, where he served as Consul-General. The political quarterly, "The Round Table," gives among other interesting matter, an instructive article on "America and the Philippines," and "The Fighting Forces" includes from the pen of Capt. M. D. Kennedy "Notes on the Japanese Army," which are accompanied by illustrations.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death has occurred at home of Mr. C. S. Wait, who was planting in Ceylon for about 35 years. He was Superintendent of West Holyrood, Talawakele, of which he was in charge until his departure for home in February last.

A London message announces the death of the Duke of Beaufort. He was born in 1847, and in 1895 he married Louise, daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Harford, and widow of Baron Carlo de Tuyl. There are two daughters and the heir, the Marquis of Worcester.

Dr. Schurman, United States Minister, arrived in Peking on December 21, by special train, having left Tientsin at 2 p.m., accompanied by his daughter, Miss Barbara Schurman. He was met at the station by the entire personnel of the Legation and a strong marine guard, Chinese police troops also being present. Dr. Schurman was in excellent health and declared he was glad to get back to a place where much work awaits him.

Singapore would seem to treat its public men somewhat curiously, says the "Straits Echo." At any rate it let Mr. Lowther Kemp, who had served the commercial community faithfully and well for many years, as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and member of the Legislative Council, depart with never a word of public acknowledgment, much less a complimentary dinner or some function, as is usually arranged in other places when a citizen of Mr. Kemp's standing and services retires finally from the scene of his labours. Gratitude is the last thing a public man looks for, if he is wise, but the entire lack of any manifestation of it in Mr. Kemp's case has evoked considerable comment outside of Singapore.

Mr. Li Fai-kwong, the new magistrate of Sunning, is staying at the office of the Sunning Railway pending the departure of his predecessor, Mr. Lam Chui-po.

It is announced at Shanghai that Mr. E. F. Hardman has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.

Sir Eyre Hutson, K.C.M.G., at present Governor of British Honduras, has been appointed Governor of Fiji. He was formerly in the Colonial Service in Fiji, and filled on two occasions the position of Acting Governor and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. He represented Fiji and the Western Pacific at the wireless conference in Melbourne in 1909. Sir Eyre Hutson joined the Colonial Service in 1885, and has filled important posts in Barbados, Mauritius, British Guiana, Jamaica, and Bermuda.

Mr. Winston Churchill appears to be in danger of losing his reputation as a wearer of unusual hats. So far, to the great disappointment of the Treasury officials, he has been comparatively conventional in the matter of headgear. On his first few visits to the department he wore a silk hat of perfectly normal design. One day he aroused the hopes of the staff by driving himself to the office in a two-seater motorcar and wearing a kind of shortened silk hat. Next day, however, he was again in an ordinary "topper." Employees at the Treasury are inclined to regard this emission on the part of their chief as a personal grievance. "Ah, well," said an elderly messenger recently with a shake of the head, as he gazed after the disappearing form of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "things is not what they used to be. Life gets daller every day."

Mr. Thomas Reginald Clay, a wealthy manufacturer, in Liverpool, who died recently, bequeathed £15,000 to his doctor and £10,000 each to the manager and sub-manager of the branch of the bank at which he kept his account.

The marriage of Mr. Robert V. Walton, of the Standard Oil Company, only son of the late George Coombe Walton and Mrs. Walton of Augusta, Georgia, U.S.A., daughter of the late Edward Albert Pearce of Melbourne, Australia, and Mrs. C. Stanley Lovett of Gallop Road, Singapore, was solemnized at St. Andrew's Cathedral last month, the Ven. Archdeacon Swindell officiating at the ceremony.

A pretty holiday season wedding was solemnized in Kobe last week when Miss Cicely Leith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leith of Walmer Court, England, became the bride of Mr. Walter S. Ansell of W. M. Strachan and Co., Kobe. The consular service, held at the British Consulate-General, was at 10.30 o'clock in the morning and the Church service at All Saints' Church with the chaplain, the Rev. George Bridle officiating.

W. W. Jacobs once confessed to sitting a whole morning, pen in hand, without putting a word to paper, while Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has written a story of 12,000 words without leaving his desk. A friend sat up late with him, and related a true incident. At breakfast next morning the novelist showed him a complete Sherlock Holmes "adventure," with this very incident as its plot. "He had written the story before retiring."

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MURDER FEUDS.

ANOTHER MYSTERY AT LOS ANGELES.

RUSSIAN JEW KILLED.

Supposed Vendetta In Gang Of Gem Smugglers.

Los Angeles police are puzzled by another murder of pitiless thoroughness.

The victim was again a wealthy Russian Jew, but his valuables were not taken from the body.



ROSENBLUM

The motive apparently was not robbery, but something of much greater moment to the persons concerned.

Los Angeles has been the scene of another murder, which complicates the mystery of the murder of Harry Katz, Albert Rosenblum, a wealthy real estate operator, was found on the pavement. He had been shot by a .32 calibre revolver, which was then tossed from a passing automobile.

The crime was an exact duplicate of the Katz murder in the same district. Both victims were Russian Jews, aged 33. Robbery was not the motive in either assassination, for diamonds and several hundreds of dollars were found in the pockets of both.

Rosenblum's wife last saw him

FASCIST REVIVAL.

MACHINE GUNS IN ROME.

LEGIONS PARADE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, January 5.

Numerous demonstrations were organised in Italy on Sunday, rejoicing in the revival of the Fascist spirit. In consequence of Signor Mussolini's speech, the police and troops in Milan had to protect the offices of the "Corriere della Sera" and other Opposition newspapers, also the Masonic Lodges.

The Legion of militia were engaged in tactical manoeuvres with machine guns in Rome, the idea being resistance of a supposed invading force.

General Candeloro, the new Commander of the militia, afterwards reviewed the Legion and issued an order praising its military spirit and bearing.

Subsequently the Legion paraded Rome, singing the Fascist hymn "Giovinezza," the artillery section carrying machine guns on their shoulders. The parade was headed by Colonel Candeloro, whom M. Cesare Rossi, ex-Chief of the Government Press Bureau, who is now in prison, especially attacked in the memorandum published by him, alleging that prominent members of the Government and Fascist Party were responsible for the acts of violence since the Fascist march to Rome.

Colonel Farinacci, the leader of the Uncompromising Fascists, accompanied Colonel Candeloro. The Legion paid homage to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Police and troops guarded the offices of the Opposition newspapers, and there were no disorderly scenes.

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when he left their apartment on a Sunday evening, entering a motor car to go to a friend's house a mile away.

Harry Katz, a fabulously wealthy man, who had also dealt widely in real estate, was shot dead in an ante-room adjoining his apartments in Los Angeles the previous Wednesday. His assassin was a foreigner.

Katz claimed to be a Russian, closely related to the former Czar's family. He was described as a man of many loves, and from correspondence found in his room, it appeared that Rosita Marstini, an actress, was engaged to him.

The chief of the United States Secret Service announced that Katz was a member of a vast international jewel-smuggling conspiracy, in which Mrs. Theresa Mors, whom "Kid" McCoy is alleged to have killed some weeks ago, was also said to have been concerned. It was suggested that the murder of Katz might have grown out of a quarrel between the leaders of this conspiracy, who had sold hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of smuggled gems in two years' operations.

"SAINT JOAN."

SOME THINGS TO BE NOTED.

The Hongkong A.D.C. desire to draw the attention of those who intend witnessing "Saint Joan," to certain necessary details which should be carefully noted. Owing to the length of the play, the curtain will rise at 9 p.m. sharp. Doors will be closed to late comers during the first scene, which plays 17 minutes, after which the House lights will be raised to allow them to pass to seats. It is not expected that the play will finish before 12.30 a.m., but late ferries and peak trams are being arranged. There will be only one interval during the evening. Dress rehearsals will take place towards the end of the week, but these are strictly private, and no one will be admitted—not even friends of those taking part—under any pretext. Souvenir programmes will be distributed free, and these will serve as a permanent remembrance of a great play, worthily presented. The programme will contain an introductory essay, an account of the life of George Bernard Shaw, with a presentation of that gentleman's features. In order to meet the great demand for seats which has arisen, the Club has arranged an extra matinee. This will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, the 17th inst. In this case, as well as the usual evening performances, it will be possible to book \$2 seats.

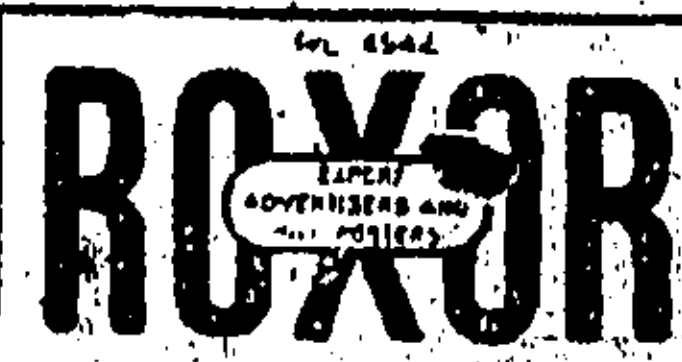
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"THE SILENT CALL"

TO-DAY.

A WONDER DOG.

Half-dog half-wolf, Strong-heart presents one of the most unusual characters the screen has seen in H. O. Davis' presentation of "The Silent Call," the Laurence Trimble. Jane Murfin production, released through Associated First National Pictures, Inc., which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day.

Because of this dual nature the animal is in constant conflict with the forces of civilization and the wilderness. The development of this mixed strain is worked out in a plot that teems with action and embraces a love story of the far West.

Of equal importance with the story is the acting of Strongheart, the Belgian police dog, who was imported to America by Miss Murfin to play the leading role of Flash. Never before has the screen seen an animal that can take a role in a film drama without constant misgivings and prompting; but the producers promise that this canine's intelligence is equal to every contingency, so that the hand of the director is never in evidence.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per D. S. L. s.s. "President Harrison" on Jan. 6.—Mr and Mrs L. Weinheimer, Master C. and K. Weinheimer, Mr and Mrs J. Rothrick, Mr Henry H. Quindv, Mr and Mrs G. Tiram, Mr J. G. Owsley, Mrs J. M. Doyle, Miss M. Ebert, Mr D. O'Sullivan, Mrs E. O'Sullivan, Miss Marie O'Sullivan, Master G. A. Allan, Mr H. S. Grunstein, Mrs H. Abbott, Miss E. Abbott, Mr E. Alexander, Mrs H. Alexander, Mr R. V. Anderson, Mr J. W. Atkinson, Mrs M. Atkinson, Mr D. C. Bliss, Mr L. H. Case, Mrs K. Case, Mr L. A. Chamberlain, Mrs E. L. Chamberlain, Mr S. Cook, Mr E. L. Craig, Mr B. K. Dailey, Mrs I. Eyerley, Mr L. K. Gilson, Mrs Ida B. Gilson, Mrs G. Gilmore, Mr H. C. Hanson, Mr M. Hennion, Mr R. E. Howard, Mr Nina I. Howard, Mr P. Johnson, Mrs A. Johnson, Miss R. Johnson, Mr E. L. Lober, Mrs I. C. McLaughlin, Mr Chas. W. Palm, Mrs C. Palm, Mr and Mrs T. Penfield, Master T. Penfield, jr., Miss K. Ragsdale, Mr Otto Reimers, Mrs O. Reimers, Miss A. W. Richardson, Mrs E. J. Rogan, Miss M. J. Rogan, Mr A. B. Slater, Mrs S. M. B. Slater, Mr H. T. Stearns, Mr Earl F. Townsend, Baroness Virginia Von Horn, Miss Dorothy Whyte, Mr and Mrs R. Wilson, Miss D. K. Wilson, Mr R. D. Wilson, Mr H. Yanow, Mrs S. Yanow, Mr D. Yanow, Mrs Alice Rinaldo.

LOST CITIES.

The old question whether a thing can be lost when you know where it is applies in part to lost cities, because the sites of many of them are known, and in some cases even the buildings and statuary are almost intact.

Now, however, their only inhabitants are the beasts of the jungle; lions prowl through their echoing halls, monkeys race across their fretted arches, and snakes lurk in their dark dungeons or glide across their crumbling pavements.

For instance, the holy city of the Buddhists, Barabodoer, in Java, had been forgotten for 600 years when Sir Stamford Raffles rediscovered it and its wonderful temple, the eighth wonder of the world.

The jungle of Siam has hidden its ancient capital, Ayuthia, for four centuries. Its inhabitants fled before the conquering Burmese, and never returned. It is now said to be the lurking place of thousands of enormous snakes.

Mystery surrounds the dead city of Thibet, which Captain Rawling discovered. It is a vast collection of palaces, monasteries, and dwelling-houses, but the Tibetans professed ignorance of its existence, and also of the reason of its abandonment.

Five centuries ago Angkor had a population of three-quarters of a million. To-day it is the Dead City of Cambodia. The carved stone elephants, the immense causeways, the majestic temples still remain, but the jungle has invaded the streets and squares.

RUSSIAN FLOODS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LENINGRAD, January 5. The Neva is subsiding. Traffic has been re-established and vessels are now able to leave the port.

Yesterday's cables stated that a south-westerly gale had driven the waters of the Gulf of Finland up the Neva, which rose eight feet, inundating some islands on which Leningrad is built. The Novsky Prospect was flooded and several factories were damaged, but the loss was minimised owing to the citizens having been officially warned and all their goods being previously removed from the docks. There were no fatalities.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 6.—Coronet Theatre: "The Covered Wagon." January 6.—Star Theatre: "The Shock" at 9.15. "The Pantaloonatics." January 6.—World Theatre: "The Parisian Rag-Picker." January 6.—Queen's Theatre: "The Silent Call." January 7.—World Theatre: "Merry-Go-Round." January 10.—City Hall: Concert by Eugene and Leopold Premyslav, world-famous Polish musicians, 9.15 p.m. January 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m. January 14, and 17, matinee at 4.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.

January 8.—At St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, pianoforte recital by Master Emil Danenberg, 5.30 p.m. January 8.—The Hongkong Male Voice Choir, Cathedral Hall, 9 p.m. January 23.—Fancy Dress Ball in the Grill Room, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

January 31.—Hongkong Boxing Association tournament in City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

January 6.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m. January 8.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m. January 10.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, code books, water jugs, and glass vases, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

January 14.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's office room, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 7.—Lecture on "Reincarnation," at the H.K. Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16 Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m. January 30.—Annual meeting of seafarers and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, in the Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Haiching, (Br.) Douglas, from Amoy. Khadung, (Br.) A. P. C., from Singapore, Mire. Lsisang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from Kobe. Suisang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from Manila. Cheongshing, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from Tientsin, Tsingtao. Szechuen, (Br.) B. & S., from Shanghai, Amoy. Tairea, (Br.) M. M. & Co., from Osaka, Amoy. Halyang, (Br.) Yuen Seng Fat, from Saigon. Promloent (Nor.) K. Larsen & Co., from Saigon. Talkwa Maru, (Japan) Y. K. K., from Keelung, Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

Hai Cheong, (Port.) Hai On S.S. Co., for Kwong-chow-wan. Linchow, (Fren.) Sing Kee, for Haiphong, Pakhoi. Sui Yik, (Chi.) Fook Hai, for Shannai. Nam Wah, (Port.) Tai Shing & Co., for Tourane, Hoihow. Kalgan, (Br.) B. & S., for Bangkok, Swatow. Pres. Harrison, (Amer.) Dollar S.S. Co., for New York, Manila. Taly Maru, (Jap.) Grimbler, for Talley Bay. Produce, (Nor.) K. Larsen, for Kongmu. Hapsang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for Bangkok, Swatow. Sunko Maru, (Jap.) O. S. K., for Bombay, Singapore.

MOTOR-CAR AGE.

A FORMAL INDICTMENT.

We sometimes wonder what would have been the appearance and mentality of the Britain of our day if the motor-car had not made so complete a conquest, says the London "Morning Post." This efficient, and not yet silent instrument of mechanical progress has completed the revolution effected by the steam engine. It has enabled man to travel, it has brought the country to the town, the town to the country; it has destroyed many of our illusions and prejudices, it has destroyed also—for every improvement carries with it some misfortune—some fine old customs and beliefs and has stolen in upon many of the known spots of the world, hitherto known only to such charming adventurers as the bees and the poets.

On some grounds, a formidable indictment can be made against the motor-car, but apart altogether from its advantages, commercial and otherwise, as a means of locomotion, we must not forget the many social and aesthetic benefits it has conferred upon this difficult, worried, contemporary Britain of ours. What would have happened to those mountainous conglomerations of London, Glasgow, and Manchester if their pent-up citizens were dependent upon an escape from their smoke and congestion only on the steam engine and the "push" bicycle?

The petrol-driven vehicle, in its way, is one of the supreme mediating influences in our country. The townsmen is able, by its means, to take his family for a Saturday afternoon to the real country-side in a very rapid, and, on the whole, cheap way. At the same time it also brings the country into close association with the town, and with all those intellectual and social activities which animate civic life. The country loses its terrors—and let their be no mistake about it, the country has its terrors—if those who live in it can by touching a starter reach Shaftesbury Avenue or Langham place in good time for a theatre or a concert.

BLASTING ACCIDENT.

FLYING ROCK KILLS WOMAN.

While blasting operations were being carried out at Morrison Hill yesterday, a large piece of rock travelled a distance of about one hundred yards and struck a Chinese woman on the head. The woman died soon after, and the body was removed to the Public Mortuary.

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The New York newspapers were lavish in their praise of this stupendous spectacle, "Scintillating, fascinating!" said the New York Times. "It will pay you to make a visit to the Rivoli before it moves away!" said the New York Telegram. "Exceptionally fine—impressive!" said the New York American. "Really great—gorgeous!" said the Morning Telegraph. "It is big; it is enormous; go and see it!" said the New York World. "Vastly worth while!" said the New York Sun and Globe.

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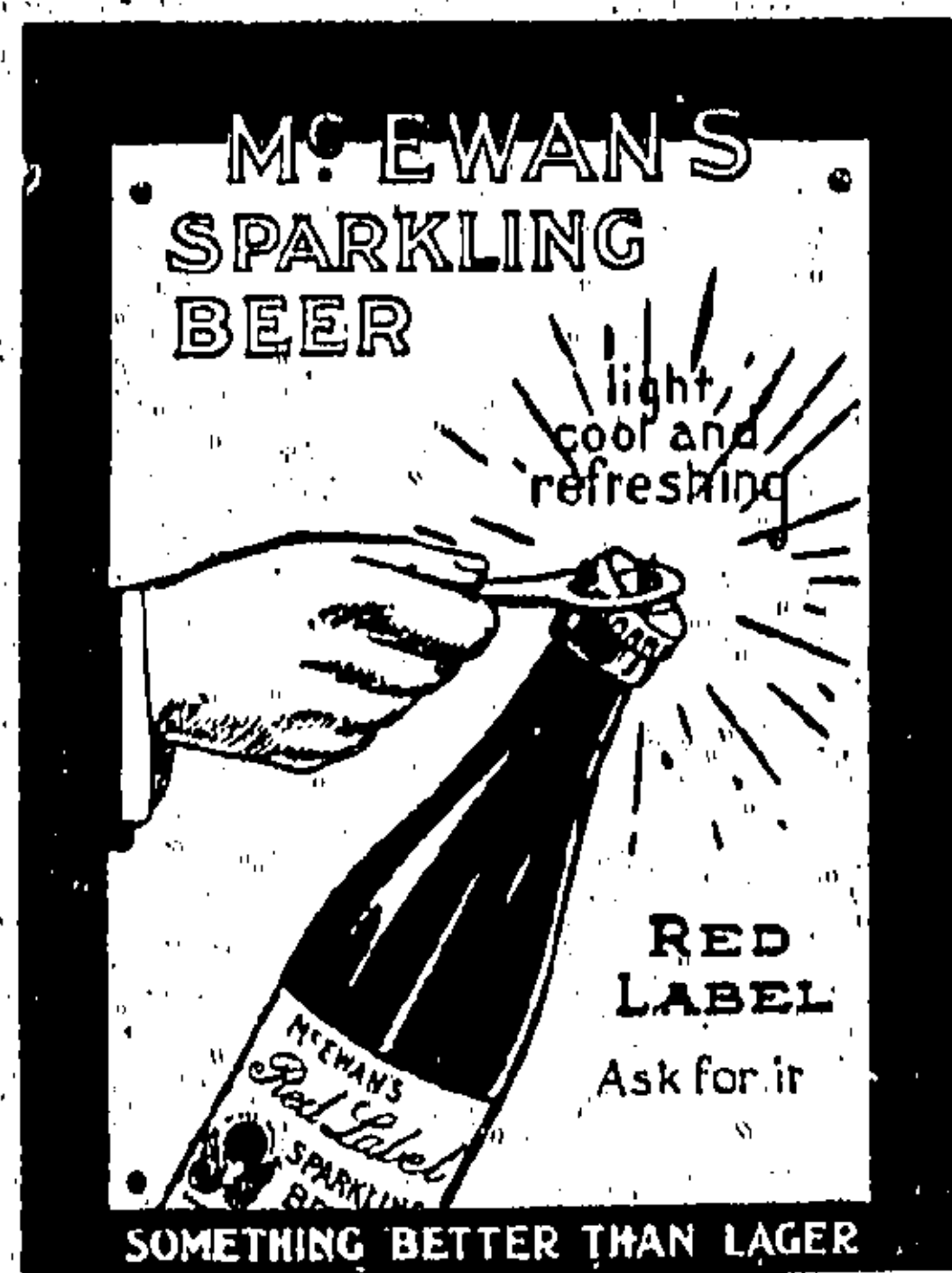
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DR. MIETHE, INTL.

Privy Councillor Dr. Miethke, who is shown here in his chemical laboratory in Berlin, is a real alchemist, having produced one dollar's worth of pure gold from mercury. The expenses, however, were prohibitive, the tests having cost \$15,000.

Poison Charge.



MRS. BERNICE ZALIMAS.

Mrs. Bernice Martin Zalimas, was held by the police on an "open charge" following her denial that she placed poison in her husband's soap and caused his death.

Delving Into Past.



PROF. S. LANGDON

Prof. S. Langdon, Assyriologist, is the head of the Marshall Field Museum-Oxford University Mesopotamian Expedition, engaged in excavating the ruins of Kish, where relics and treasures of a Sumerian civilization older than the Babylonian or Egyptian, are being unearthed. Some of the records prove that Kish, mythically credited with having been founded 34,000 years ago, existed as a Sumerian dynasty sent more than 7,000 years ago.



MRS. DOROTHY MARTIN HILLMAN.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin Hillman, wife of a wealthy department store owner, fled to London after a month of married life, following a mysterious quarrel with her husband. She declared she was going to Europe to escape her "nasty little husband." He asked the police to apprehend her, but she eluded them.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR LEADERS' CONFERENCE.



LABOUR CHIEFTAINS.

Above are the leading members of the International Federation of Labour who met to discuss international labour questions. Seated, left to right, are Chester Wright, Secretary of the English Federation; Reynaldo Carvantes Torres, of the Mexican group; the late Samuel Gompers, veteran President of the American Federation of Labour; Fernando Rodarte, delegate from Mexico; and Santiago Iglesias, President of the Porto Rican Federation of Labour and Socialist member of the Porto Rican Senate. Standing, left to right, are Canuto Vargas, Spanish Secretary of the Pan-American Federation of Labour; Roberto Haberman and Samuel Yudico, both representatives of the Mexican Federation.

"Dizzy Blonde."



FRANK BURNS.

Frank Burns, dressed as a "blonde-flapper," is under arrest, charged with being a member of a holdup gang. He was the gang's lure in his woman's attire.

From King Feisul.



MR. PAPADOPOULOS.

Above is shown Mgr. Yais Joury Papadoupoulos, Protomyrall of the Orthodox Syrian Church, whose rank is above that of bishop. He is shown leaving the White House in Washington, where he delivered to President Coolidge a letter from King Feisul of Mesopotamia. He represents more than 500,000 Christian Arabs, grouped under the standard of the Patriarch of Antioch.



Below: GLORIA SWANSON & MRS. MINTA ARDUCKE.
Below: ZAKI PASHA & GENERAL ALLENBY.

Zaki Pasha, of Egypt, handed to General Allenby British High Commissioner, the reply to the twenty-four-hour ultimatum. Gloria Swanson, movie actress, is seriously ill in Paris, where she has been making a picture. Mrs. Minta Arducke is reported to have gone to Paris for a divorce from "Fatty" Arbuckle, former movie picture comedian.



PRINCESS JULIANA.

Princess Juliana, daughter of Queen Wilhelmina, of The Netherlands, is reported to have fallen a victim of a passion for the remarkable voice of the cantor in a Jewish synagogue in Amsterdam. Cabled reports asserted she even posed as a Jewess and visited the synagogue several times, but was finally recognized. The cantor is a widower, thirty years old, with two children.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

